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**GERMANTOWN MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RECEIPT AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

*Received and Possessed Over 7,600 Images and/or Videos of Child Pornography, Some  
Depicting Sadistic or Masochistic Conduct*

GREENBELT, Maryland - Brian Champagne, age 36, of Germantown, Maryland, was sentenced today to 16 years in prison, followed by supervised release for life, for receipt and distribution of child pornography over the Internet, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. U.S. District Judge Roger W. Titus also ordered that upon his release from prison, Champagne register as a sex offender where he resides, and that he may not have any unsupervised contact with children.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court at his November 2, 2006 guilty plea, Champagne subscribed to an online website in 2005 that allowed subscribers to receive and download thousands of videos and images of child pornography. Champagne's residence was searched on July 27, 2006 resulting in the seizure of computers and three computer hard drives. The hard drives revealed that Champagne received and possessed over 7,600 images and/or videos of child pornography depicting children between prepubescent age and early teenage years involved in sexually explicit conduct with both adults and other children. Some of the materials recovered also portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct, or other depictions of violence. Additionally, Champagne forwarded images of child pornography to a minor using his cell phone.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for their investigative work performed in this case. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Special Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Fortune, who prosecuted the case.